

Torrance, California  
November 12, 1941 .

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, November 12, 1941 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Kail.

All persons present in the Council Chamber Saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 28, 1941 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held November 4, 1941 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Kail arrived at 7:46 P.M.

# WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, requesting an appropriation of \$60.00 to defray expenses of the Christmas program planned for the children of WALTERIA.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Law Offices of Verge, Jaccard, French and Loehr, signed by Walter Q. Loehr, presenting the claim of Mable Senyohl against the City of Torrance. The address of Mable Senyohl was given as 2419 Vineyard Avenue, Los Angeles. It was stated that she was involved in a collision between an automobile in which she was riding and a bus operated by the City of Torrance on or about October 2, 1941 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Damages in the amount of \$16,350.00 were claimed for her as a result of injuries to her person and for mental and physical suffering and nervous shock suffered by her as a result of the collision.

Upon recommendation of Attorney McCall, Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the insurance carrier, and that the City Attorney be instructed to render a report to the City Council regarding the findings. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Businessmen's Association, signed by R. J. Deininger, Secretary, to correct an error on the part of the Association in a letter of October 27, 1941 in which it was stated that Dale Riley of the Recreation Department should be placed in charge of the electrical installation for the forthcoming Christmas season decoration program. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Joseph DeSalvo, 1662- 252nd Street, Harbor City, California, requesting a permit and franchise to operate a transportation company in the City of Torrance, to be known as "City Taxi."

Attorney McCall advised that a franchise is not necessary and that the only requirement is payment of the regular license fee as provided by the business license ordinance, upon recommendation of the Council that the applicant be granted permission to operate the business as requested.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Joseph DeSalvo for license to operate a transportation business in the City of Torrance be granted, the regular license fee to be paid by Mr. DeSalvo.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that an investigation be conducted before granting the permit. Councilman Powell's motion was lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Joseph DeSalvo for a license to operate a transportation business in the City of Torrance be referred to the Police Department for investigation and recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Office of the County Surveyor and County Engineer, relative to the subject of checking maps of subdivision within the City limits of the City of Torrance. An agreement outlining the method of checking and examination of subdivision maps, said agreement to be between the County Surveyor of Los Angeles

County and the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, was enclosed, to be executed and returned to the office of the County Surveyor and County Engineer.

Engineer Jain advised that a meeting is scheduled for November 13, 1941 for discussion of this matter.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles Defense Council, signed by E. W. Biscailuz, Chairman, was read, advising that to date no official confirmation as to the name and address of the person who will represent the City of Torrance on the Defense Council has been received, and requested that the matter be given early attention. It was advised that the Defense Council was formed August 26, 1941.

Councilman Powell moved that John H. Stroh, Chief of Police of the City of Torrance, be authorized to represent the City of Torrance on the County of Los Angeles Defense Council, said Council, to be notified to this effect. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Texas Company, advising that the Texas Company is about to dissolve, to be succeeded by The Texas Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and requesting that the Council approve the transfer from The Texas Company to The Texas Corporation, a Delaware corporation, of the City of Torrance franchise Ordinances Nos. 66 and 117, County of Los Angeles Ordinances Nos. 884, 1129 and 1377. A Consent to Assignment form was enclosed, to be executed, if approved, and returned to The Texas Company.

Councilman Babcock asked Attorney McCall whether or not this action is a subterfuge to evade certain responsibilities on the part of The Texas Company. Attorney McCall advised that such is not the case, and that the new company assumes all liabilities of the old company.

Councilman Babcock moved that the transfer as requested be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Consent to Assignment form and return same to The Texas Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Edward L. Guth, Los Angeles, approving the proposed paying of Cabrillo Avenue and suggesting that the street be paved from curb to curb. Letter referred to Engineer Jain.

A communication was read from The Torrance Recreation Advisory Commission, signed by Robert L. Lewellen, Chairman, suggesting that construction at this time of the tennis courts as recommended previously by said Commission be started, and that the property adjacent to the City Park and across the Santa Fe Railroad tracks be leveled and used as a playground area.

Councilman Babcock moved that Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, the Recreation Committee of the City Council, and the Torrance Recreation Advisory Commission meet for the purpose of drawing up specifications for the proposed tennis courts, said specifications to be ready to submit to the Council at the first regular meeting in the month of December, 1941, for the purpose of authorizing the advertising for bids for said tennis court construction. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify the Torrance Recreation Advisory Commission of the motion to hold a meeting for discussion of the matter.

A communication was read from the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that a fare box is required for the efficient operation of the Municipal Bus Lines, there being no spare fare box for use while one of the others is being repaired, and there being times when four busses are in operation with only three fare boxes. It was also recommended that 10,000 Triplex Round Trip tickets be purchased immediately, the present supply being almost exhausted. It was further suggested that the name "Torrance Municipal Bus Lines" be painted on the busses recently purchased. (Busses purchased from the City of Santa Monica for use on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines).

A short discussion ensued regarding the tickets, Mr. Ward advising that the cost is \$42.50 for 10,000.

Councilman Babcock moved that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to purchase 10,000 Triplex Round Trip tickets for use on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

It was decided to defer the matter of the fare box for several days.

A communication was read from the "I Am An American" Foundation, inviting the attendance of the City Council at the installation in the City Hall in Los Angeles of a Shrine of the Constitution at 11:30 A.M. November 10, 1941. This installation was described as a significant ceremony of importance to internal national defense. Filed.

Applications for positions were read as follows:

- (1) W.E. Sevier, 1021 Cravens Avenue, Street work, carpenter or truck driver.
- (2) Frank A. Flint, 24244 Los Codona Street, Walteria, bus driver.
- (3) J. R. Salmon, 1626 Amapola Avenue, electrician's helper, Water Department or Sewer Department.
- (4) Frederick J. West, 1829 Arlington Avenue, electrician's helper.

Councilman Babcock moved that the four applications for positions as listed above be dated and filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the National Supply Plant Corporation, requesting approval of a temporary ordinance to prohibit parking on the east side of Border Avenue, between the Pacific Electric right of way and the sidewalk, from Carson Street to a point 200 feet north, for the duration of the erection of the forge and machine shop building on the National Supply Company property, which will be completed approximately April 1, 1942. It was further requested that permission be granted the National Supply Plant Corporation to fence in the sidewalk on the east side of Border Avenue, from Carson Street to a point 140 ft. north, also for duration of the above mentioned building program.

Attorney McCall ruled that a Resolution would be in order to grant the requests of the National Supply Plant Corporation, at which time Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1505

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING NATIONAL SUPPLY PLANT CORPORATION TEMPORARY PARKING AND FENCING RESTRICTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN COMPANY BUILDINGS.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1505 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1506

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTIONS 1491,  
1492, 1493, 1494, 1495 and 1496

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1506 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell inquired whether or not someone should be appointed and given the authority to handle matters of importance and financial transactions for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. It was decided to defer this matter until a later date.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$105.12 including tax be made for purchase of a typewriter for the Police Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed 947.60 be made for purchase of 800 ft. 2-1/2" two ply, cotton fabric, rubber lined, fire hose, for delivery to the Torrance Fire Station, to be in 50 foot lengths with couplings attached, couplings to be brass, National Standard Fire Department thread, with rocker lugs. (Unit price, \$1.15 per foot). Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$185.00, plus tax, be made for purchase of 1 Ross relief valve, complete with all necessary valves and fittings for 750 gallon American LaFrance rotary gear fire pump, for the Fire Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$190.00 be made for rental of Sheepsfoot roller for two months for use on road construction. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$475.00, plus tax, be made for purchase of Sheepsfoot roller for the Street Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.



Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for material for non-skid surfacing on Carson Street from Madrid Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$875.00 be made for material for non-skid surfacing on Arlington Avenue from Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$935.00 be made for material for resurfacing of Border Avenue from 213th Street to 220th Street. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$410.00 be made for material for resurfacing of 220th Street from Western Avenue to Martina Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$205.00 be made for material for resurfacing of Abalone Avenue from Carson Street to 220th Street. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$93.02 be made for the temporary transformers for the Christmas lights, placed by the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., which includes the installation and removal of same. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock asked Engineer Jain if work had started on the Plaza Del Amo parkway as yet. Engineer Jain replied that the contractor, Vido Kovacevich, is finishing up a job in South Gate at this time, and will start the Plaza Del Amo job within a short time.

Engineer Jain reported that the house at 1518-1/2 Crenshaw Boulevard, owned by a Mrs. Davis, and which house was recently condemned by the City of Torrance, has been recently rented by Mrs. Davis, although it has been condemned by the City as unfit for habitation. Mr. Jain stated that Mrs. Davis claims she has never received written notification from the City that the building has been condemned.

Clerk Bartlett advised that Mrs. Davis had been notified several times to the effect that the building is condemned. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to produce the carbon copy of the letter, if such a letter exists, and present same as evidence of notification.

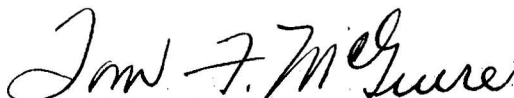
Mayor McGuire advised Mr. Morris and another gentleman in the audience that the Planning Commission has taken no definite action as yet on their application to operate a brick yard business in the City of Torrance, it being felt that the property owners in the vicinity of the business should be contacted and asked to submit written statements as to whether or not continued operation of the brick yard business will be objectionable. Mayor McGuire advised that the Planning Commission will notify the applicants immediately there is anything definite to report.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:30 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Kail, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance